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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE COMSAT VISIT: CHAVYK NOW SAYS HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 16, VISIT L'VOV ON THE 17TH, 18TH AND 19TH, AND LEAVE MOSCOW ON THE 21ST. CHAVYK AND COMSAT DIRECTOR OF MARKETING, GEORGE LAWLER, PLAN NOW TO MAKE THE TRIP TO L'VOV WITHOUT AN EMBASSY ESCORT OFFICER, SINCE, ACCORDING TO CHAVYK, SOVIETS HAD EXPRESSED OBJECTION TO EMBASSY OFFICER ACCOMPANYING. CHAVYK AND LAWLER HOPE TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR.

2. FROM JIM MATLOCK: BLANTON HAS VISA. HE AND NELL WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW TOGETHER AEROFLOT 242, JUNE 15, 9:00 P.M.

3. FYI: IVAN ROGALSKY, THE DEFENDANT IN THE KARPOV ESPIONAGE CASE, HAS BEEN REFERRED FOR 90 DAYS PSYCHIATRIC
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EVALUATION. THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY HE WILL BE FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL.

4. REF MOSCOW 8414 AND THE CONSULAR REVIEW: WE REGRET WE COULD NOT COME UP WITH MORE FOR YOU TO BARGAIN WITH IN THE CONSULAR REVIEW. WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THE CERTAIN STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN FIT INTO THE VISA

REGULATIONS BY EQUATING THEM WITH SOVIET MINISTERS AND THEREBY EQUATING THEM WITH MEMBERS OF THE US CABINET. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO BASIS IN THE VISA REGULATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATING ALL THE DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME SOVIET. THE QUESTION WITH REGARD TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF OTHER COUNTRIES COMES UP ALL THE TIME, AND IT REALLY IS NOT FEASIBLE TO TRY TO SELL VO ON SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THE SOVIETS IN THIS AREA.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE TAX, THE SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO PROBABLY KNOWS PRECISELY WHERE THE MATTER STANDS, ALTHOUGH WORD MAY NOT HAVE FILTERED BACK TO MOSCOW. GETTING CALIFORNIA AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER TOOK A VERY LONG TIME, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS UNWILLING TO REOPEN THE ISSUE OR MUDDY THE WATER IN ANY WAY WITH THE CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES.

6. THE EMBASSY HAS DONE A GOOD JOB AND PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT AND EFFORT INTO THE CONSULAR REVIEW, AND WE HOPE YOU ARE REWARDED WITH SOME PROGRESS. IF THE SOVIETS WILL NOT GO FOR TEN POINTS-OF-ENTRY-AND-EXIT, HOW ABOUT PROPOSING FIVE SO THAT YOU CAN AT LEAST GET OUT OF THE BREST DRILL? OR HOW ABOUT SUGGESTING THAT WE INAUGURATE EXIT VISAS TO MAKE RECIPROCITY WORK?

7. RE JOE PRESEL: ANOTHER JOB OPENED UP FRIDAY WHICH MIGHT INTEREST HIM. IT IS THE CZECH DESK, WHICH INCLUDES THE RFE/RL PORTFOLIO. WHAT REACTION? VANCE
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